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MASQUERADE

ried On for Years by
De Raylan.

vealed After Her Death
Which Occurred in
Phoenix, Ariz.

S TWICE MARRIED,
ing in Each Instance as
the "Husband" of the
Other Woman.

Also Loved as a Man by
a Young Girl in the
Old Country.

Associated Press.

ago, Dec. 24.—The three days

ago, growing out of the discovery

Nicola De Raylan, for years a

Baron Schloppenbach, Russian

in Chicago, was a woman, a

only made after her death in

Ariz., was solved yesterday

admission of the two women

whom she lived as "husband."

otive for De Raylan's masquerade

which had been kept up for 15

years.

Eugene Burchulis, De Raylan's

wife, and Mrs. Annie De Raylan,

both unbosomed them-

last night. There was no secret

back to an "affair" with a noble-

Russia. The woman, De Ray-

lan, of the common classes of the

part. The 11 year old boy

as been reported as being the

child of the De Raylan woman is

as Mrs. Annie De Raylan

ated, her own child. The boy is

of Joseph Armstrong, her form-

band, and the register of the

s in the city hall. Armstrong

and claimed the fatherhood

ported kidnapping of the boy is

according to Mrs. De Raylan.

idea of posing as a man grew

with the De Raylan girl

and her parents over a revo-

re secret drove her from her

at Elizavetgrad when 18 years

she went to the town of Kam-

and there, as a man, won the

of a young girl, Jenya Vassil-

ughout all her life in America

the, the Romano clung to her

was a diary which Mrs. Bur-

revealed, telling all the details

sad Romano. It told of how

Raylan girl lost the love of

referred to as "My ange-

through an affair with a girl of

a quarter in St. Petersburg.

ing the years of her double life

York and Chicago and the City

co, letters constantly went back

to the "Angel girl." The

wrote pitiful letters, begging to

ught to the United States, say-

re would be good and true, and

period De Raylan tried to in-

er friend, Francis Burchulis,

her old "sweet heart." De Ray-

lan from Russia to escape the im-

ities of "Jenya."

he City of Mexico, De Raylan

al to Adolf Deverschnitz for

the death of Deverschnitz, it was

ered that "he" was a woman,

short time in that city De Raylan

as a woman, but upon leaving for

ork, assumed the dress and role

man.

New York, feeling sure of her

ion, she married her "first wife,"

rom there the story proceeds to

go.

Raylan's connection with the

republican party is seen in her

ce at meetings of the west side

" and the secret conferences

ellow countrymen and the numer-

sputches sent to Russia.

TAIN MACLIN HAD A GOOD NIGHT

Associated Press.

Olk, Dec. 24.—At the Fort

al this morning it was stated

Captain Maclin who was shot at

here on Friday night by a

had passed a good night. The

ans reported him slightly im-

Captain Maclin assailant has

been apprehended, although of

are following up a number of the

troops.

SAD ENDING OF A HOLIDAY TRIP.

Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Mrs. W. S.

Syddall, who came here last Friday to

spend Christmas with her son, Au-

gustus Syddall, 16 years old, will in-

stead, accompany the boy's dead body

back to North Alton, Ills. Young

Syddall came here a month ago and

secured his first employment as a

brakeman on the Pittsburg, Virginia

Charleston railroad. He had just

uncoupled the engine from his train

yesterday at Monongahela, and stepped

out upon the other track, when he was

struck by a locomotive and killed.

SENATOR STORER ENDORSES TEDDY.

Associated Press.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Senator Wil-

liam Stone believes that President

Roosevelt did right in discharging the

negro soldiers at Brownsville.

"I am glad to have an opportunity to

say this, but I wish to be understood

right," he declared last night.

I have not looked into the legal

phase of the matter. I am not ready

to give an opinion, but so far as the

sentiment concerning it; so far as the

offense itself, I am in hearty favor of

the step taken by President Roosevelt

and Secretary Taft."

MR. BRYCE IS BUSY IN DUBLIN CASTLE.

Associated Press.

Dublin, Dec. 24.—James Bryce, who

is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand,

the British ambassador at Washington,

has returned to the chief secretary's

office in the castle and is busily wind-

ing up his affairs here.

It is expected that Mr. Bryce will re-

main in Dublin until about January

24th, after which he will return to Lon-

don to arrange his private affairs. It

is understood that he will leave for

Washington about the middle of Feb-

ruary.

SORRY CHRISTMAS FOR THEIR PEOPLE.

Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—The following

list of those killed in the collision

yesterday between a passenger train

and a switch engine at Enderslin, N.

D., was given out today by officials of

the Minneapolis and Saint Ste Marie

railroad:

CHAS BACKUS, Bergen, N. D.

H. D. VOLKERIN, Anamose, N. D.

JIRN SATTERBURG, Anamose, N. D.

TONY GLEEN, Volva, N. D.

D. J. BEDFORD, Canada.

HAMILTON ROSENBAUM, Volva, N. D.

W. R. DANIELSON, Sheldon, N. D.

N. F. BANSON, Kenmare.

OLE THOMPSON, Starbuck.

The list of injured given out by

the officials includes twenty-four

names.

COAL STEAMER ASHORE.

Associated Press.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 24.—The coal

steamer Beatrice which was reported

yesterday off Pictou with propeller

fouled, went ashore on Cranberry head

today. A heavy sea was running but

the crew was saved.

BUCKET SHOPPERS MAY TAKE COURAGE.

Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—In deciding

the case of Gatewood against the state

of North Carolina in which Gatewood

was prosecuted for keeping a bucket

shop in Durham, the supreme court of

the United States today in effect held

the state law prohibiting the dealing

in futures to be not repugnant to the

federal constitution. Justice White

delivered the opinion of the court af-

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When You Take Cold
One way is to pay no attention to it; at least, not until it develops into pneumonia, or bronchitis, or pleurisy. Another way is to ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. If he says, "The best thing for colds," then take it. Does he say, "anyway. We have a special we publish in our publications." Lowell Mass.

THE MARKETS.

selected Press.
a York, Dec. 24.—Prices of stocks in a threatening manner in the dealing. Very heavy liquid was in evidence and no effect support was manifest. The open Reading was wild, simultaneous being of 200 shares at 123½; 200 at 12½; 200 shares at 132½; 10,000 shares from 131½ to 131; last price on Saturday was 130½; 2000 ran off 5%; Great Northern, Northern Pacific 3; Delaware 2½; Canadian Pacific 2½; 100 common and preferred, Great Northern Ore rights, B. & O., L. & N., New York, Transit and Colorado fuel to 2, and Southern Pacific, and 1 to 1½. Large fractional losses were the rule throughout the list.

Market Closed Heavy.

A market closed heavy and slight over the lowest. The market was really stagnant for the most of afternoon but in the last few minutes of trading there was a relapse in some stocks to the lowest. Northern oil fell 6-8 American upped 1-2.

Money Market.

a York, Dec. 24.—Money on call 4½ per cent ruling rate 6, bid 8; offered at 4.

the loans dull and somewhat 60 days 8 per cent; 90 days 7-12 per cent; six months 6-7 per

ceago, Dec. 24.—Cattle, estimated at 13,000, market 10 to 20 cents per Beeves, \$710; cows and heifers, \$165 to \$140; stockers and feeders, \$450; Texans, \$275 to \$460, west \$90 to \$155; calves, \$575 to \$750.

Too Much Xmas Excitement.

Toledo, Dec. 24.—There was no market today in Toledo.

Chicago Grain (Close).
H. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Close: Wheat 74 1-4; May 77 7-8.

Corn—December 41 1-8; May 42 1-4

Oats—Dec 33 5-8; May 35 7-8

Pork—Jan. 1635; May 1695

Lard—Jan. 932 1-2; May 942 1-2

Ribs—Jan. 877 1-2; May 892 1-2

Cleveland Live Stock.

Cleveland, Dec. 24.—Cattle receipts 500 head, market slow and steady; veal calves receipts 100 head; market steady.

Sheep and lambs receipts 800 head; sheep steady; lambs higher; choice spring lambs 725 to 740.

Hogs receipts 3,000 head, market 10 15 cents higher; yellows 650, medium 640; pigs 640, yorkers 610.

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Cincinnati Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—Hogs active butchers \$6 35 to \$6 40.

Cattle steady to strong, fair to good shippers \$4 60 to \$5 50, common \$2 00 to \$2 50.

Sheep steady \$2 00 to \$3 75, lambs steady \$4 25 to \$7 75.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Cattle receipts 130 cars; market slow, export cattle \$5 20 to \$6 00; shippers, steers \$4 65 to \$5 35, butchers, cattle \$1 50 to \$3 00; fat rations \$4 00 to \$4 50; heifers \$3 00 to \$3 65; fat cows \$2 50 to \$3 25; good to choice milkers and springers \$3 50 to \$5, fair to good \$5 00 to \$5.

Hogs receipts 50 cars; market higher; yellows medium heavy \$6 00, pigs \$6 65 to \$7 75, stags \$4 00 to \$5 00.

Estimated Receipts. Estimated receipts, 12,000, et 10 cents higher. Sheep, \$3 50 to \$4 00; lambs, \$4 00 to \$5 00.

Sheep Receipts. 60 cars, active, yearlings \$6 25 to \$6 50, wethers \$5 25 to \$5 50, mixed \$4 75 to \$5 25; ewes \$4 75 to \$5 25; lambs \$2 50 to \$3 00; spring lambs \$5 00 to \$7 00.

Calves receipts 50 cars; active, best \$8 50 to \$9 25.

JAPS ARE INDUCED TO STAY IN HAWAII.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The exodus of the Japanese laborers from the sugar plantations of Hawaii to the United States is showing a tendency to decrease. said M. Matsubara, the new Japanese vice consul at San Francisco, yesterday. The Japanese emigration societies send the laborers from Japan and Korea to Hawaii, and these societies, according to Matsubara, are actively interested in holding the laborers to the sugar estates when they arrive there.

Mr. Sargent, who went to Honolulu at the request of President Roosevelt to be present at the landing of the Portuguese emigrants, called upon the president later in the day.

"There are probably 60,000 Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands," said Mr. Sargent, "and they are arriving at the rate of from 1,000 to 1,500 a month. The new arrivals do not remain long on the island, however, and soon go on the Pacific coast. They are leaving in large numbers by each steamer. In the last 12 months 12,000 Japanese have gone from the Hawaiian Islands to the mainland of this country."

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well today.—Geo. W. Spence, Holly Springs, N. C. For sale by All Drugs.

BISHOP C. C. McCABE, LAID AWAY TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late Bishop Charles C. McCabe, was held today in the First Methodist Episcopal at Rosedale. The interment was in Rosedale cemetery.

Necessary Limitations. Physician—I would suggest a diet. Patient—Well, it will have to be something that agrees with the cook.—New York Sun.

SEE PEOPLE'S BOOK STORE FOR CHRISTMAS CANDLES AND OTHER HOLIDAY GOODS. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS. 37c each.

Smoking Contests.

"When I was a boy" said the old man, "they often made me take a little soap as a medicine. It did the good. "Soap was prescribed in the village for epilepsy, for such headache, for a half dozen complaints. The people admitted that it was a nuisance, but on the other hand they pointed to its efficacy.

"When I was taken down my mother would cut out the cake of yellow soap in the kitchen a chunk about as big as a chestnut.

"Now, mind, she would say, 'swallow this,' and she'd hold the yellow morsel in thumb and forefinger close to my lips."

"I never said I copied it down here."

"Many tried, I guess, that a journeyman tailor of St. Peter-in-the-East would have been the victim, he smoking faster than and being many pipes before the rest, but at last he was so sick that it was thought he would have died, and an old man that had been a boulder and smoked gently came off the conqueror, smoking the three ounces quite out, and he told me that after it he smoked four or five pipes the same evening."

A German Duel.

A young officer quarreled with a friend who was a solicitor. Hot words were exchanged, and the officer struck his friend. Here the matter might have ended—there was something to forgive and regret on both sides. But the officer's regiment heard of the affair, and a court of honor decided that he must challenge the civilian. So a duel by command took place, and the young lawyer fell mortally wounded by his friend. When the officer returned home he was arrested on the information of the president of the court of honor which had forced him to fight. He was tried by an ordinary tribunal, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The president of the court of honor knew he was urging the officer to an illegal death when he insisted on the duel, but however, as he understood it, must be satisfied at all cost.—Berlin Letter.

The Cigar Mouthpiece.

A rich Russian banker had been discovered murdered in his house in St. Petersburg, says a writer in the Green Bag. There was no clew, but in the room there was found a cigar mouthpiece containing part of a cigar of such an expensive kind that it was supposed the banker himself had been smoking it just before the crime had been committed. On close examination the mouthpiece was found to be worn away by the teeth of its owner, but the dead man's teeth did not fit the indentation. The servants were one by one examined, and it was then found that the hollows of the mouthpiece compared exactly to the formation of the front teeth of the cook, to whom no suspicion had been attached. He afterward confessed to the murder.

England's "Fierly Dragons."

In the year 1352 various parts of Great Britain were visited by a remarkable meteorological phenomenon, which the old authors refer to as "the visitation of the fire drakes or dragons."

The author of "Contemplation of Mystery" says: "In ye letter parte of ye yeare 1352 ye fierly dragons appeared flying by dooks or companies in ye ayre, having swines, snowies, and sometimes were they seen four hundred flying together." In speaking of the fire dragons in another portion of his work he says, "Common people think fire drakes to be spirits which watch over hidden treasure, but the philosophers affirm them to be ye seat of poisonous vapors which are spontaneously lighted in ye ayre."

Ireland's Coast Guards.

The finest cliff scenery in the United Kingdom is on the coast of the county of Donegal, at the northwest of Ireland, facing the Atlantic, where the variety and grandeur of the cliffs are most thrilling and impressive. Slieve League, south of Glen Comhagh, is a superb introduction to Donegal's coast splendors. In less than half a mile from the sea the mountain rises to a height of nearly 2,000 feet. In the island of Achill, off the west coast of Ireland, the cliffs of Croghan, at Achill Head, rise sheer from the water's edge to the dizzy height of 3,000 feet.—London Standard.

Smoked Glass.

Murphy—Well, this bates the mischief. Dooley tol me that if I smokin a piece of glass I'd be able to see the spots on the sun. Sure, ain't I fairly kil'd wid trying to make me pipe draw? "Tis the way, I'm thinking, that either I haven't the right kind of glass or else Dooley's been fooling me.—London Tit-Bits.

Took Wind Out of Their Sails.

Addressing one of his southern auditors, Sam Jones once requested all the husbands present who had not spoken a harsh word to their wives for a month to stand up. He shook hands with those who arose and then introduced them to the rest of the audience as the "twenty-seven biggest liars in Tennessee."

Honesty and Ability.

Uncle—You see honesty is absolutely necessary, but ability is equally indispensable. Nephew—That may be, but what end does honesty serve? Uncle—to maintain your obligations. Nephew—And ability? Uncle—To avoid having them.—Il Mondo Umerito.

Is Men a Harder Proposition?

Mrs. Benham—The snake tempted Eve first. Benham—Yes, I suppose he wanted to begin on something easy.—New York Sun.

Necessary Limitations.

Physician—I would suggest a diet. Patient—Well, it will have to be something that agrees with the cook.—New York Sun.

Perhaps the next time you do what

you shouldn't, you will have reason to regret you didn't quit with the last

Soap as a Medicine.

Joaquin Miller had just won recognition as the poet of the Sierras and was working on a paper in Oregon. He had been contributing verses and short stories and had just begun a tale about the soldiers on the frontier who suffered with scurvy. The editor wanted the scurvy story for the morning publication, but Joaquin Miller could not concentrate upon his work. His mind leaped to the anticipated joy of a great social function occurring that evening, for at this time he was a social lion. However, he had proceeded in his story up to the point of the conditional cure for the disease, when all the soldiers suffering with scurvy had been buried, with only their heads exposed to view. The editor was reading "I cry!" The poet's mind refused to work. He could not finish the tale, leaving his soldiers in such a plight.

Now, mind, she would say, "swallow this," and she'd hold the yellow morsel in thumb and forefinger close to my lips."

"I'd begin to whimper. The smell of it and the idea of the father who would form in my mouth the father I'd have to swallow—would fill me with despair. But my mother was inexorable. With stiff lips I'd take the soap into my mouth. I'd chew the soft and slippery substance a little and then, with a groan and a dreadful gulp, I'd swallow it.

"And a she wolf came along and ate off all their heads." Then he made a bee line for the door and was not seen again until the next day. His story was not published.

A Cause of Divorce.

"What is the most frequent cause of divorce?" the lawyer was asked.

"It is nearly incredible," he said, "but a thing that causes divorce often than you'd imagine is married people quarreling over their right to open one another's letters. The husband will claim that he is entitled to open the wife's mail. The wife will claim that she is entitled to open the husband's mail. It is not known whether there will be anything of a private or compromising nature, but nevertheless they both want to get their mail inviolate—it enrages them to have it opened and read. Quarrels over this letter opening question are, I suppose, 90 per cent of married couples. Of this 90 per cent a distressingly large proportion go on from bad to worse till they wind up in the divorce court. So, young man, when you come to marry, leave your wife's mail alone, no matter how she may try to yours."

Now York Press.

Quick Wit Saved His Life.

"The strangest and most thrilling piece of swordsmanship I ever saw," said the fencing master, "was in Vermont. I was spending the autumn in a mountainous part of the state, and there was a military encampment near my hotel. One morning an officer's horse started to bolt with the man during parade and made at breakneck speed toward a precipice. The officer to Julius was \$20,000, which, considering the difference between the value of money then and now, would in our day represent the princely sum of \$600,000. Julius was at that time greatly pressed for money to maintain the holy league which the pope had organized against France, but in spite of his lack of funds he declined the offer.

Weight of a Lion.

"What does a lion weigh?" I ask that question of any acquaintance and see what he will say. Those who best know the look of the king of beasts and how small his little body really is will probably come furthest from the truth. About 300 to 350 pounds is a usual estimate. But this is below the mark. A full grown lion will tip the scales at no less than 500 pounds.

Five hundred and forty pounds is the record for an African lion. His bone is solid and heavy as ivory. The tiger runs the lion very close. A Bengal tiger killed by an English officer scaled 320 pounds. A tiger of this size has, however, considerably greater muscular strength than the biggest lion.

Ages in the Animal Kingdom.

A great variance as to length of life appears among different animals. Some insects live for only a few hours, while fish, elephants and turtles are frequently centenarians. The average life of the mosquito is three days. Ticks usually live to the age of about fifteen years, while carp have been known to reach 150. Chickens live from twelve to fifteen years, dogs to the age of ten and occasionally fifteen and parrots to extreme age. These birds have been known to pass the age of 200 years. Turtles are also frequently centenarians, as are storks, and elephants are said to reach the age of 300 years. Whales have been known to live for 400 years.

Miners' Best Customers.

The forty odd million sacks of flour consumed yearly in the United Kingdom are mainly eaten in the form of bread. In the houses of the rich and in the best hotels bread is sparingly eaten, but among the middle classes and in workmen's houses it forms a considerable portion of the diet. As the latter class predominate and as their tannins are the most numerous, it is not improbable that the children under sixteen consume about three-fifths of the total flour sold in the United Kingdom. In a commercial sense, therefore, the children are the miners' best friends.—London Milling.

Rule the "Roost" or "Roast!"

Steven Gardner, an under cook in the Cardinal Wolfe Wolsey house, and afterwards allowed of kyng Henry the eighth to be a master cook, and kyng kyng principal cook for a long time, ruled the roost in ye kyng's house as boldly and as saucily as his master dyed before him, as ye blow upon his cheke that my Lord of Warwyke gave him may bate wytches. Spiritual Physic, 1550.

Big Differences.

"What?" said the judge. "You expect me to send your husband to prison when you acknowledge that you threw five flatirons at him and he only threw one at you?"

"Yes, that's all right, Judge," said the irate woman, "but, then, the one he threw hit me."

Counterfeits.

"They bill and coo a good deal."

"That's all a bluff."

"Then you think they are only mock turtle dove?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tonics.</

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THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—For
Ohio—Fair tonight and Tuesday, ex-
cept snow on northeast lake shore, not
so cold tonight in northwest and cen-
tral portions. Warmer Tuesday; fresh
northwest winds.

Mr. Foraker is making a strong
bid for the colored vote of the country
in 1908 in case he is successful in
landing the long-coveted honor of a
nomination for the presidency.

The republican papers have criti-
cized Mr. Hearst for contributing one
quarter of a million dollars to the
campaign fund, while Mr. Hughes
contributed \$618. It appears now
from statements filed that the re-
publican committee received \$233,-
000 for the campaign fund in New
York state. Some of the heavy con-
tributors were J. P. Morgan \$20,-
000; Levi P. Morton, \$20,000;
Andrew Carnegie, \$5,000; John D.
Rockefeller, \$4,000; Chasney M.
Dewey, \$2,500; Perkins, the insur-
ance man, \$5,000; John W. Gates,
Charles M. Schwab, Jacob Schiff, C.
H. Mackey, Wm. E. E. Corey, F. A.
A. Munsey, H. Fisk & Son and num-
erous protected interests, like
amounts. The question arises, why
did these men contribute? Mr.
Hearst had a right to contribute to
his own campaign. But why were
the agents of the trusts so anxious
to contribute to the republican cam-
paign?

The tariff protected trusts having
increased the cost of living nearly
50 per cent for which the republican
leaders are responsible by standing
pat, the voters at the late election
gave the G. O. P. a jolt just to re-
mind it that patience was ceasing to
be a virtue. Two or three corpora-
tions, closely allied with the republican
party, therefore gave notice that
the wages of their employees will be
raised ten per cent, and their organ,
the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, boasts:

"The very first thing that triumphant
republicanism does is to raise
wages all around." This open con-
fession that "triumphant republicanism"
is closely allied with the trusts
and corporations should be kept in
mind by those who only get ten per
cent to pay fifty per cent increase on
what they have to spend and prepare
to make the next jolt they administer
to the party of trusts and special
privileges enough harder so as to
force the corporations to make a fair
divide of their protected profits.

CONGRESS AND SIMPLIFIED
SPELLING.

The oldest inhabitant with an ed-
ucated mind will tell you that the
English language has changed won-
derfully since the days when he was
a boy, and that it has required the
exercise of great care to keep fully
abreast therewith.

Practically every decade a new
"standard" dictionary is issued,
larger by far than its predecessor
and containing words in every way
suited for refined speech, which
"yesterday" were condemned as
"slang" and the "parlance of the
street." And with the new and re-
vised dictionary comes the new and
revised spelling, not through process
of "imperial decree" or enactment,
but by reason of the natural—the in-
born—tendency of the American people
to relieve and simplify every-
thing freighted with non-essentials.
Pronunciation also changes for the
same reason, and yet there is often-
times a marked difference between
the pronunciation of the citizens of
one town and those of another in
condition which the "standard" dic-
tionary endeavors to control, but
with indifferent success.

Thus, when everything pertaining
to our language is taken into con-
sideration, it will be found that
changes for the better are not only
continuous, but that they come with
such rapidity to meet the demands of
the times. Of this, the
house of representatives is convinced
and is demanding that the spelling
of today be adhered to in the pub-
lication of government documents, re-
spect is simply shown for the evolu-
tionary process and opposition for
the opinions of one man, whose abil-
ity as a lexicographer is doubtful,
to say the least.

With respect to "spelling reform"
as it can be truthfully said that it is due directly to the activity
of the book publishers, who see millions
in new dictionaries and school-
books. If congress and the various
state legislatures were to give it sanctio-
n, the people would simply be de-
nied into the hands of the book
publishers and exploited to the limit.
Furthermore a precedent would be
established whereby future ambi-
tious presidents could change the
spelling and even the language at
will, thus marking a renaissance of
the period when the king's word was
law.—Columbus Post.

Peptiron Pills

In case the blood feels the nerves and brain, tone
the heart and digestion. And give them useful
relief. 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500
tablets. Druggist by mail or
order. Manufactured by
Hood Co., Louisville, Ky. Made by Hood it's good.

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Andrew Datey left this morning for

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We wish to heartily thank all our customers and friends for their many favors in making this a Merry Christmas and a prosperous year.

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DOORS CLOSED

The Crowds Were So Large That Salesmen Were Swamped.

Mr. Leon Loewenstein Offers an Apology to Those Who Were Unable to Gain Access to His Store.

MR. LEON LOEWENSTEIN, THE CLOTHIER, WHOSE STORE WAS DAMAGED THE NIGHT OF THE FIRE IN THE UNION BLOCK, ON THE SQUARE, ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, DESIRES TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PUBLIC FOR BEING COMPELLED TO CLOSE HIS DOORS SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

THE FACT IS THAT THE CROWDS WHICH VISITED THIS GREAT REDUCED PRICE SALE WERE SO GREAT THAT IT WAS SIMPLY AN IMPOSSIBILITY TO HANDLE THEM, ALTHOUGH HE HAS AN EXTRA LARGE FORCE OF CLERKS, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AND POSSIBLY MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THE DOORS WERE SIMPLY CLOSED AND THE CUSTOMERS WHO WERE WITHIN WERE SERVED BEFORE OTHERS WERE ADMITTED.

HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL CLERKS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED, AND IT IS NOT THOUGHT THAT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN THE STORE OPENS MONDAY MORNING. THE PUBLIC IS NOT TO BE CENSORED FOR FLOCKING TO THIS GREAT CUT PRICE SALE, FOR MR. LOEWENSTEIN IS OFFERING STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS GOODS AT PRICES LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE WERE QUOTED ON THE CHEAP STUFF.

Let us help you select your Christmas gift from our elegant new stock.

J. W. PEUTZ.

The new Jewelry Store on west Market street, just around the corner.

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EXTENDED

The Columbia's great "Let Go" and "Cut Price Shoe Sale," has been extended until after the holidays. This is done to give all Christmas shoppers an opportunity to get the benefits of these slashed December prices.

Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years.

Mrs. L. Whitenec, Buffalo, N. Y.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the teachers of the public schools of Perry township that they are invited to meet with the executive committee on Saturday, January 5, 1907, at the court house in Lima, O., in the office of the fair board at 10 o'clock a.m. Do not fail to be present. Important business to transact. By order of

L. M. BAKER, Pres.

Heiniger's Store is more popular than ever. Crowds larger, popular prices and great variety tell.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, a single dose of Doan's Regal is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box. Ask your druggist for them.

BIG DROP OFF

In the Production of Low Grade Crude.

During the Year That is Now Fast Drawing to a Close.

NOTHING IN SIGHT

To Give Encouragement to Further Operation in Hoosier Field.

The General Increase in Production for the Past Year Not Great.

Oil operators and oil men in general have rushed their work during the past week to quite an extent, so as to get as much done as possible before the holidays, and the drillers have not been idle, as many of them have made preparations to spend a few days among friends in the eastern country where were their former residence, before emigrating to the newer oil regions. The year soon to close has been a very prosperous one for everyone identified with the industry, as the market price of the crude product has been good, and has not fluctuated to any degree during the entire year, so that one could handle their properties to meet the demand. The production of crude has not been increased to any great extent in this country for the past twelve months, the only points showing an increase being in the Territories and in Illinois, while the older regions in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania all show a decline, but not equal to the increase by the newer fields. In the low grade oil districts of Texas and Louisiana there is also a wonderful dropping off in production, hence, the building of the long pipe line from Oklahoma to the Gulf, which will relieve the fuel question to some extent. In California there is practically no decline, and there is no reason for one, as there is plenty of un-drilled territory to relieve the scarcity at any time the trade is ready to drill for it. This is by no means the condition in the fields east from Indiana, as about all the available territory has been drilled over, and there remains nothing in sight to encourage the trade to do much development work. But the hills of West Virginia and Kentucky are still unknown quantities, but in the former, operations of a wild cat nature are very expensive, while in Kentucky it is about as cheap as any field in the country, with a bright prospect before it.

It is now understood that two trunk oil pipe lines will be put in from Kansas to the Gulf, and with the two big lines from there to the east, there is certainly a chance to handle about all the crude that the mid-continent field will be able to produce. There are millions of barrels of crude in stock in that field, and it will take some time to get the surplus cleaned up. The pipe lines are now taking close to 60,000 barrels a day, or about half the production.

The Illinois field will be in good shape with the opening of spring, as then the two pipe lines will be completed and will be sufficiently large to handle the entire production of the state with but little trouble. The gas pressure in the Illinois field is on the decline at a rapid rate, and soon pumps will have to be put on the lines furnishing the towns, to force the gas to the consumer. The gas does not show the staying qualities of that struck in any of the other fields of the country, and many are of the opinion that the oil wells may turn the same caper, but that is hardly true, as the shallow wells are holding up far above all expectations. To be sure the field has not been relieved of its surplus oil to an extent where the wells could be produced to their full capacity, hence, nothing is known of the staying of the production. As a money-maker the Illinois field has no equal so far.

Crude oils are even less active of late than during the early part of the month, as both exporters and domestic

TIME TO ACT.

Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness. Profit by Lima People's Experience.

Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are common early symptoms of kidney disorders. It's an error to neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but return with greater intensity. If there are symptoms of dropsy—puffy swelling below the eyes, bloating of limbs and ankles, or any part of the body, don't delay a minute. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and keep up the treatment until the kidneys are well, when your old time health and vigor will return. Cures in Lima prove the effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

Mrs. Tena Standish, living at 854 St. Johns avenue, Lima, O., says: "About eighteen months ago my feet began to swell, I suffered from severe pains through my shoulders, headaches were frequent and my stomach would fill up with gas. My general health was failing me fast and I began to look about for a remedy of some kind. Remedies which I took failed to improve my case and having read so much of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box at Wm. M. Melville's Drug store. After taking six boxes I was completely cured and had no occasion to use any medicine since."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

Consumers are well enough supplied to meet present requirements. Unchanged field conditions continue to affect the market for these grades, however, and the possibility of lower prices is as remote as ever. High grade oils are in better demand, if possible, than lower grades, and the market for the former is firmer in consequence.

Continued poor results from the older wells, and a light production from new territory are therefore keeping all varieties upon a steady price basis.

Crude oils continue in light demand, as cloth manufacturers and other large consumers have filled their requirements and are taking on only necessary small quantities for immediate use. Arrivals from the wells are meager, however, and hardly sufficient to offset withdrawals from storage, and the usual easing off in prices at this time is therefore lacking.

The week's work in the high-grade fields of the territory east of the Mississippi were distributed as follows:

Fields.	Comp.	Prod.	Dry.
Indiana,	30	315	1
Ohio,	55	913	9
West Virginia,	46	1,250	18
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BASKET BALL.

Tomorrow afternoon, Auditorium, Chicago vs. White Stars; game called at 2:30. Dancing after game. 25c and 35c.

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous Buckwheat flour, won't you kindly tell your friends how delicious it is? 1-lw

The Singer Sewing Machine store, 228 N. Main street, will be open every night this week, to accommodate those who wish to purchase sewing machines for Christmas presents and cannot get down during the day.

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GO TO HAWAII FIRST

Then Start For America, at

the Rate of One Thous-

and a Month.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Com-

missioner Sargeant of the bureau of

immigration and naturalization of the

department of commerce and labor,

was at his desk today, after a trip of

several weeks, during which he visited the

immigration stations at Honolulu and San Francisco.

Commissioner Sargeant was not in-

clined to discuss the coming of Jap-

anese to Hawaii and thence to the

United States. He was not in Hawaii

particularly to make an investigation

of the Japanese question, although he

obtained some information respecting

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ment.

FOR 53 WINTERS

The Bitters have been building up

and fortifying weak systems against

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Another Girl In the Case

By OHIO B. SEAGA

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The fireman jerked open his fist and shut it again, and then said: "I'm not at the train now," dressed young men who were the same as we'd discussed in front of the small dry goods and hardware stores of L. and S.

"Now a Pegasus evidently," remarked the fireman.

"No nor yet a Hebe," laughed the other.

"If you two mutts are kicking against old 18, you'd better cut it out," interposed the fireman angrily.

"We mean no disrespect," answered the older of the two courtesans. "Our attention was attracted because we'd never seen one like it before."

"The old girl is no beaut," continued the fireman, softening somewhat, "but she jumped from here to Boston at a mile a minute city one day last month."

"That's a mighty good record. We felt there must be something remarkable about her," returned one appealingly.

"If you've got a story, and I'm sure you have, come down and give it to us," urged the other, smiling winningly.

"She was a warm baby in her day," began the mollified fireman, "but she's shed her cow knocker, and for a good many years she's been doing nothing better than poking box cars and flats around here in the yard. But she got her dander up that day and yanked us over the rails in great shape."

"Something special, I suppose," encouraged the elder man, passing his cigar case.

"Something special! Well, I should say," emphasized the fireman, "we was the special—three of us—and old 18."

It rounded his lips and allowed the cigar smoke to escape in a long, vaporous cylinder.

"It was Sunday afternoon," reminiscently, "and about 3 o'clock when a young fellow jumped off the trolley up there" indicating the street where the trolley cars ran to Andover, "and came slumping down into the station as red in the face as if he had buttoned a nest



"DASHED DOWN THE LINE AS IF SHE'D BEEN ON HER THAL THIRY."

of horns in with his vest. He bumped into old Buster—that's the station agent—and howled for a special.

"Buster told him he wasn't running specials as a side line, and there was nothing about the yard anyway but old 18, and an old shifter like that was hardly the thing for a special."

"Well, the young fellow talked all kinds of languages and showed all kinds of money. He wanted to go to New Haven. He'd got a telegram, but it didn't reach him until after 2 o'clock, and he'd got to be in Boston in time to catch the 4 p. m. Shore line express from the South station. There was no connection anyway from here, and the special he must have. It seems he was a student at the Phillips academy in Andover, and a ratbag good fellow he was too."

The fireman, artful story teller, paused to whet the interest of his listeners and puffed his cigar enjoyably.

"I'll bet there's a gal at the other end of the line," cried the man who was looking for stories.

"Or a fortune," hazarded the other.

The fireman grinned at both impatiently.

The young fellow's name was Hart, and he had a mighty convincing tongue in him, and the way he slung his arguments at old Buster showed he knew the way to a man's inside heart. He roped in Engineer Dan Duffy, too, and Dan said old 18 would do the trick if he could have the road.

"Old Buster kept the key tapping, and Conductor Tom Collins picked out the 'short end' for the train. Then Buster got the word back from Boston: 'All right. Give you the road' and in just twenty-three minutes from the time young Hart had blown in with his rok and his convincing eloquence Duffy threw the throttle wide open and the old hunker dashed down the line as if she'd been on her thal thiry. I promised her with pine knots soaked in kerosene, and Duffy never took his eyes off the rails."

"Old 18 soon showed her mettle and no big engine passed us that Duffy didn't get a hand from the cab. Hart was gone. We couldn't go too fast for him, and at every stretch we must have struck a mile a minute. It was just 2:15 to a dot when we plunged into

the long train house at the north station, old 18 snorting and bumping like she understood she was a special."

"All the way from Reading to Boston in just fifteen minutes and thirty seconds and we reckoned the run at just about thirteen miles. I could almost see old 18 winking her weather eye at some of them big sit-wheelers, and the kind of a 'you're-did-well' sissy act that they seemed to have as they look ed down at her was enough to make a man laugh—a man who can see them things you know."

The fireman paused and anxiously regarded his dead cigar.

"Young Hart made his train, of course."

"Oh, yes; he had plenty of time. He jumped up to the other station on the 'L.' and we let old 18 cool off a little, and then she hatched back to Reading. But I've kinder noticed a few pitch to her whistle ever since, and I reckon the old girl knows she done a big thing that day."

"Light up again," urged the seeker after stories, handing the cigar case. "That isn't all?" suggestively.

"No. About two weeks after that young Hart ran over from Andover one day and give one of these ere things to old Buster, one to Tom Collins, one to Dan Duffy and one to me, and mine," triumphantly. "As big a Jim Dandy as the others. They're all just alike."

He took a small velvet case from his pocket, handling it gingerly with his grimy fingers.

One of his companions took it and pressed the spring, disclosing a small scarfpin—a knot of gold with a tiny diamond point.

"That ere little stone's a real diamond," said the fireman proudly. "No ground glass about that. I wear it when I dress up and go some places."

"It's all right—a fine thing," admired his new friends.

"Well, goodby—their good cigars—see you again some time maybe," dropping the velvet case into his pocket and turning toward his crib.

"Hold on," cried the story gatherer, catching him by the arm. "That isn't all! What about the girl in New Haven?"

The fireman grinned tentatively; then his face sobered.

"I'm afraid you two gents is going to be disappointed. There ain't no girl in this story—only the woman that every man owes his best to. A man may have half a dozen sweethearts if he's lucky, but he never can have but one mother," raising his greasy cap, reverently. "Huh!—mother was dying, they thought; that day when old 18 bumped herself over the rails with the boy. But she got well, and it was her that sent us the plus. So long, gents. Put the story in the paper if you like. It's worth printing, dead sure!"

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The Poor Child's Advantages.

"My most serious problem is how I can give my children the advantages of the poor man's," McClure's Magazine quotes a rich man as saying and makes this comment: The modern system of education employed by the rich and well to do and secured often at infinite sacrifice, even by those of very moderate means obscures rather than brings into light the realities. No material provision, however ample and intelligent, can alone make for verity. No amount of 'opportunities' or 'advantages,' however unusual, are sufficient to awaken the soul. Indeed in the very multiplying of material advantages the spirit of the child is more often than not smothered and distorted. Too many masters, too many toys, too many tasks. The poor little head and heart have neither strength nor time for brooding and dreaming in the forest and field, as young Schutz had. He has no long evenings for sitting around a family table or before a fire reading and talking, no spur to find things to do and to find things to think about. The attention continually distracted, the imagination burdened, the sense of pleasure overtaxed, what time, what strength, is there for the child of the very rich, brought up in the usual way, to develop?

Mathematical Love.

"Do you love me as much as I love you?"

The Barnard college girl smiled. "Do you wish me to prove it?" she said.

For answer he bent forward, expecting to receive the usual bidding of the promise.

"I mean mathematically," she continued, drawing her face back. "Now, don't be cross. Listen! We belong to a certain circle. We are the radii of that circle. Two radii of a circle are equal to a third radius of the same circle."

Preserving Leather.

Leather goods, if their appearance is to be preserved, should not be kept in places that are too dry, as the heat will cause the leather to crack. Nor in damp places that will make it moldy. To freshen leather chair seats, travel bags, book covers, etc., that have become shabby or spotted, rub them with the well-baren white of an egg. Sole leather bags are best cleaned by using ordinary russet shoe polish cleaning them in the same way the shoes are cleaned.

The Social Whirl.

Fair Hostess—I want you to take that lady over there by the door in to dinner. My husband says she is a bit of an old strump, but as she has more of his greatest friends has just married her for it, and we must be nice to her. Guest—I am sorry, but you see, I am the particular friend who married her.

A Rival's Opinion.

Mrs. Style—Mrs. Cushe has a great eminence. Mrs. Parmenter. Then if she has a good deal of it, know she got it cheap. —Baltimore American

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HANDLING MEN.

Directing Others in Business Demands Tact and Ability.

Business men often fail because they do not know how to handle men. They can do their own work all right, but they are failures when it comes to directing others. They lack tact, diplomacy.

Many men patronize others, they lack patience, lose temper, fly to pieces over little things. And no man is a good leader who cannot control himself.

A great many business men seem to think that it takes a deal of driving, scolding, fault finding, to get the best out of others. It is, however, just the opposite. Employees never give up their best in response to forcing methods.

I know a young man who promises to be a leader in his line who is as quiet and gentlemanly in his methods as a modest woman. He never raises his voice, never gets angry. When an employee needs correcting, instead of scolding or nagging he sits right down and shows him or her just how to do their difficulty, not to confuse them. He does not need to scold, because everybody respects him, admires him and knows that he is always trying to do the fair thing, to give a square deal, that he only wants what is just right and there is nothing arbitrary in his methods.

The result is he does not need to storm around his establishment and use abusive, profane language. He knows there is a stronger force, a better way than that. The result is that he has perfect discipline.

Not one would think of taking advantage of him or trying to deceive him, because he is so kind, square, true.

I know another man in business near by who adopts just the opposite method. He swears and swearing, scolds, nags, goes through his establishment with a bull through a chin shop, making everybody feel mean and disagreeable. Nobody respects him. He rules by brute force, keeping everybody cowed and afraid of him. They obey him and let him impose upon them in order to avoid a scene or for fear they will lose their positions. If an office boy or stenographer makes a little mistake he will go all to pieces, fly into a rage and make it very uncomfortable for everybody about him.

People waiting in the outer office often hear loud talking and most abusive language in his private office. But he is not nearly as successful as his quiet, unobtrusive neighbor.

He never thinks of recognizing one of his employees on the street.

The other man always lifts his hat to the humblest girl in his employ and has a pleasant smile for everybody, because he feels an interest in everybody and they all love him.—Success.

The Vision of Insects.

A notable fact about the vision of insects and one which it may be supposed must largely influence their view of the external world is the number of facets or lenses in compound eyes. A German naturalist, K. Lehmann, has been painstaking enough to count the number of facets in the eyes of no fewer than 150 species of beetles. He finds that in the same species and sex the number increases with the size of the body. There is usually no permanent difference between the sexes as to the number of facets. Occasionally however, the difference is marked, as in the case of *Lampraria splendidula* in which the male has 2,700 and the female 300. One species is noted which has the extraordinary number of 24,000 facets in its eye. The number of facets is greater in the rapidly moving active forms than in the more sluggish species.—Philadelphia Record.

Classical and Romantic Music.

Classical composers are those of the first rank who have developed music to the highest pitch of perfection on its formal side, and, in obedience to generally accepted laws, preferring aesthetic to beauty, pure and simple, over emotional content, refusing to sacrifice form to characteristic expression. Romantic composers are those who have sought their ideals in other regions and striven to give expression to them, irrespective of the restrictions and limitations of form and the conventional law—composers with whom, in brief, content outweighs manner.—"How to Listen to Music," Krebsig.

Preserving Leather.

Leather goods, if their appearance is to be preserved, should not be kept in places that are too dry, as the heat will cause the leather to crack. Nor in damp places that will make it moldy.

To freshen leather chair seats, travel bags, book covers, etc., that have become shabby or spotted, rub them with the well-baren white of an egg. Sole leather bags are best cleaned by using ordinary russet shoe polish cleaning them in the same way the shoes are cleaned.

The Social Whirl.

Fair Hostess—I want you to take that lady over there by the door in to dinner. My husband says she is a bit of an old strump, but as she has more of his greatest friends has just married her for it, and we must be nice to her. Guest—I am sorry, but you see, I am the particular friend who married her.

A Rival's Opinion.

Mrs. Style—Mrs. Cushe has a great eminence. Mrs. Parmenter. Then if she has a good deal of it, know she got it cheap. —Baltimore American

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Quick Clearance of Kimonas and Dressing Sacques

We have placed on sale (for quick clearance) two lots of short kimonas and dressing sacques. They are all this season's patterns, with a full range of sizes to 44 bust measure, but not all sizes in every garment, and are well worth regular price.

**\$3.50 Short Kimonas and
Dressing Sacques 89c**

All our sacques and kimonas elderdown that formerly ranged to \$3.50 are in this lot for quick clearance. Every garment in this stock is included, none being reserved. All go at a special price.

89c

**\$1.00 Short Kimonas and
Dressing Sacques 45c**

Any domet flannel sacque or kimono in this stock that ranged to \$1.00 will be on sale while they last at a special price.

45c

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A Merry Christmas,

and we thank you for making it possible for us to have plenty to eat and wear. Store will be open tomorrow from 8:30 to 11:30.

GHOST ALMOST HANGS TRAMP.
Hobo Awakes with a Spirit's Rope
Around His Neck, If Story
Is True.

Wadena, Minn. Dec. 24.—It would seem as if the ghost of Andrew Ballet, the Leaf River farmer who hanged himself not long ago, is doing things. If the story of a hobo is to be believed, O. W. Osborn and George Gordon came in from Leaf River and told a queer story. It was in effect that a hobo had slept in the Ballett barn one night. He lay down in the downstairs part of the barn in an alleyway. To-morrow morning he awoke and found himself upstairs in the hayloft with a rope around his neck. The rope was thrown over a beam and some unseen hand was pulling at it. It was this that awoke the hobo. He saw no one, but was almost frightened to death.

The next morning he awoke a well-known resident of Leaf River, and asked for breakfast. The farmer asked him why he had not got his breakfast where he slept all night. The hobo replied that he had slept in a red barn, which was found to be the Ballett barn, and then related his experience. The hobo is said to have drooled in every limb when seen the genuine.

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**ON ACCOUNT OF RE-
MODELING OUR BANK
ING ROOM, WE ASK
THAT OUR PATRONS
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CITY BANK.

Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat is the real thing—gives you genuine old buckwheat flavor. Be sure and get the genuine.

PIONEER LADY In Whose Honor West- minster Was Named

Died at Her Old Home in
That Village at Noon
Today, of Old Age.

BORN IN MARYLAND.

In 1815, Mrs. Rebecca Creps
Came to Allen County
in 1832.

Her Husband Died in 1876
and She Erected a Church
to His Memory.

At the village of Westminster, seven miles east of this city, at noon today, Mrs. Rebecca Creps, one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer ladies of Allen county, passed to the spirit world, her death terminating an illness which was caused chiefly by the natural infirmities of her advanced age. The news was received by the several relatives of the deceased in this city immediately after her death occurred, but at the hour of going to press this afternoon, an announcement as to the time and place of the funeral could not be given, but this announcement will be made tomorrow, and the services will not be held earlier than Wednesday.

The deceased was born at Westminster, Maryland, in 1815, and came to this county, with her husband, Alexander Creps, from Pennsylvania, in 1832. They were instrumental in laying out the village of Westminster, the village being named in honor of the birthplace of Mrs. Creps, in Maryland. At that time the Westminster of Allen county was of as much importance as Lima was, and the two leading pioneers of the hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Creps, erected and occupied its principal building, a log house of more than ordinary size. That building occupied the property where the present Creps homestead still stands, and where Mrs. Creps continued to reside until she was removed by the angel of death today.

Alexander Creps died in 1876, and in honor of his memory, the widow erected and furnished a Reformed church in 1879. She also paid the pastor of this church as long as the place of worship was maintained. The building was, however, destroyed by the memorable cyclone which wrecked the East school building in this city in September, a few years ago.

Mrs. Creps is the last of the immediate family of her own generation to pass to the future world, and there are few, if any, of the pioneers now living in the county who remember the time, in 1832, when she and her husband arrived in this part of northwestern Ohio, themselves and all of their earthly belongings occupying a two-wheeled cart, which was, for many years, a relic of the family at Westminster. Mrs. Creps is survived by three sons—Messrs. S. A. H. D. and W. W. Creps, of Westminster, and leaves three grandsons residing in this city, they being Messrs. A. S. Creps, of west North street; Dr. A. H. Creps, of Bellefontaine avenue, and Frank Creps, of Linden street.

BASKET BALL.
Tomorrow afternoon, Auditorium, Chicago vs. White Stars; game called at 2:30. Dancing after game. 25c and 35c.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, ATTENTION.

All Sir Knights, both visiting and resident, are invited to be present at the Asylum, Masonic Temple, December 25th, promptly at 11 o'clock a. m., standard time, for the usual Christmas ceremonies. By order of

**MATTHIAS S. BOWSER, E. C.
Attest
E. L. THOMAS, Recorder.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

On Christmas day, the Christ Episcopal church, corner of west North and north West streets, services as follows: At 7:30 a. m., holy communion and sermon; Christmas hymns and anthems. All welcome.

Sunday school Christmas tree fete—Holy Innocents day, Friday 28th, at 4:30 p. m. Short service with carols and stereopticon views on "Life of Christ."

The Greek Candy Mfg. is head-

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The Sunday school of Calvary Re-

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NOBLE WOMAN GONE

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Loved and Admired by All
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For thirty years she was prominently identified with the public schools of Lima as a teacher, and for several years served with distinction as a member of the county board of school examiners.

Many of the successful men of this city, and scores of her intellectual women are examples of the lasting impress left upon them by her teachings and elevating example.

Only two years ago did she relinquish her life work of educating the young, and her hold upon them was forcibly demonstrated by the daily tributes they paid her in visitations and tokens of sincere affection, since she ceased teaching.

She loved her scholars and they loved her—a sure index that her purpose and heart's desire for their welfare, educationally and spiritually, had struck a responsive chord.

Her place in the community will long be vacant.

Mrs. Ballard was the daughter of Joseph and Eda Richardson, early pioneers, who came into this county from Virginia. Of the original family, but one is left. Mrs. Robert McHaffey, of Lafayette. Three daughters survive her, Miss Eda Ballard, of Bluffton and Mrs. Chas Idle, of Durango, Colorado.

Funeral services will be held, on Wednesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, at the Market street Presbyterian church.

The casket will not be open there.

SANTA CLAUS
And His Helpers at Market
St. Church Tonight.

Santa Claus and his helpers will be at the Market street Presbyterian church this evening at 7 o'clock sharp. The parents and friends of the scholars are especially invited by old Santa himself.

CHRISTMASTIDE
Services to Be Conducted at
St. Rose Church.

The feast of Christmas will be celebrated at St. Rose church with the usual joy and solemnity attending the greatest feast day of the church. High mass will be sung at 5 o'clock a. m., with special musical program by the Cecilian choir. Low mass will be read at 9 a. m., followed by a high mass at 10:30 a. m. At the last named service the choir will render the following excellent musical program:

Kyrie Weber.

Gloria Farmer.

Offertory Adeste Fidei's.

Sanctus Gounod.

Benedictus Gounod.

Agnes Dei Weber.

The choir is composed as follows:

James J. Weadock, director; Organist.

Miss Anna Cantwell; members,

Miss Anna Gagin, Anna Kane,

Catherine Sullivan, Emma Ley,

Teressa Stein, Maggie O'Neill, Mrs.

J. Shannon, Mrs. M. Foley and Messrs.

O. J. Feltz, O. W. Regan, Thos. J.

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J. W. Rowlands
THE MAKER OF HAPPY HOMES

JUDGE RICKS,
Former Occupant of Bench
at Toledo, is Dead.

A Sunday dispatch from New York says:

"Hon. Augustus J. Ricks, of Massillon, Ohio, Judge of the United States District Court for Northern District of Ohio, and born in Brookfield, O., February 10, 1843, died here yesterday. Interment will be at Massillon, Ohio, Wednesday afternoon. Judge Ricks's health failed several years ago, and he was unable to attend to the heavy business of the Northern District Court.

"Cases piled up so rapidly that the Department of Justice asked Congress to pass a special bill creating a special judge for that district to assist Judge Ricks. President McKinley appointed Francis J. Wing, of Cleveland, Ohio, to the position. Wing held the position for a number of years, and was succeeded by former Representative Robert W. Taylor, of Lisbon, Ohio, who was appointed by President Roosevelt."

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See us before you purchase your books for the holidays. All the standard poets in fine binding.

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60-61 HEISTER'S DRUG STORE.

INTERLOCKING

Crossing Badly Needed at French House Corner.

The narrow escape which two passenger trains, one on the C. H. & D. and the other on the Pennsylvania road, had from being seriously wrecked at the crossing of those two roads Saturday morning when the engine of the Pennsylvania train shoved its pilot under the coaches of the C. H. & D. train No. 7, which was just pulling over the crossing, calls attention to the necessity of the installment of interlocking crossings at this point. The engine of the Pennsylvania train lost its pilot, and considerable damage was done to the air and steam-heating apparatus under the coaches of the C. H. & D. train. The steps were also torn off of the east side of the train, but fortunately none of the cars were derailed and no very serious damage was done.

The call was a very close one, however, and it demonstrates the fact that some engineers take too many chances on having crossing gates thrown in their favor by the time they reach them. The C. H. & D. train had the right of track in this instance, and did not "clear" the crossing in time for the gate man to throw the gate to let him over.

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Let us help you select your Christ-

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J. W. PEUTZ.

The new Jewelry Store on west

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ner.

deaf!

DANCING XMAS.

Wheeler hall, afternoon and evening.

A merry day, a merry crowd, the

happiest of good times. Be there.

Selden's orchestra band.

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Turkeys. Geese. Ducks.

Chicken. Belgian Hare. Shrimps.

N. Y. Counts. Cucumbers. Head Lettuce.

New Tomatoes. Fine Celery. Spin